

## PITCHING TO DECIDE TITLE IN NATIONAL

Phils Play Braves Six Games  
in Four Days, Twin Bills  
Today and Tomorrow.

BOSTON HAS A CHANCE  
IF GIANTS BEAT ROBINS

Stallings May Be Better Fortified  
With Moundmen Than Pat  
Moran Is at Present.

BY J. ED GRILLO.

Cumbe's defeat of the White Sox in the first game of the double-header played in Cleveland yesterday gave the Boston Red Sox undisputed title to the 1916 American League championship. It now is not necessary for the Carrigan team to win another game.

There is, however, just as much doubt as ever as to which team will win the National League pennant. Brooklyn has but a two-point lead over Philadelphia and for the next four days will be opposed by the New York Giants, a team which has only lost one game of the last twenty-nine played.

On form McGraw's team ought to win a majority of the games it is slated to play with Brooklyn and yet the uncertainty of base ball is such that to make predictions, even though based on logical form, is a precarious proposition.

While the present leaders in the old league race are so engaged the Phils, their only real rivals at this time, will be hooked with the Boston Braves, who have only an outside chance for

the flag, double-headers being slated for today and tomorrow.

Pitching will decide this series. When two teams have to use four pitchers in two days it is a great strain on the pitching department and it is questionable which of the two teams is best fortified in this respect.

The Braves were going at a good clip up to the time they met the Phils, having won six straight games, and should the Stallings team make a clean sweep of the series with the Phils it would be declared the winner in the race if the Giants could beat Brooklyn three out of four. Stallings has a pitching staff which has lately displayed good form and it is questionable whether Pat Moran can manipulate his twirling forces well enough to offset the advantage which the Braves appear to have.

Rixey and Alexander both need several days' rest before they can be expected to show their best form. This is particularly true of Alexander, who, after a single day's rest, was found easy by the Dodgers Saturday, when Marquard beat him 6 to 1.

Incidentally the absence of Bancroft, though the attending surgeon is quoted as saying that he will be back in the game Tuesday or Wednesday, is sure to be felt. Bobby Byrne is a capable third baseman, but Stock has had little experience at shortfield, where he will be played. Moran is wise in putting Byrne instead of Dugue into the game.

The victory of the St. Louis Browns over the Detroit team in the final game of the season yesterday makes it a most difficult thing for the Griffins to finish in the first division. The only way this can be accomplished is for the locals to beat the Yankees three straight and the Browns to lose the game for the Donovans will be just as anxious to gain fourth place in the race as are the Nationals.

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the world series instead of preparing to disband. His handling of pitchers, throwing, receiving and batting were much better than anything that the other Detroit backstops have been able to show lately. In addition to his ability to play the game well, 'Hack' is regarded by his associates as a mascot of the first class. His arrival seemed to give the club luck, and the minute he was hurt fortune turned her smiles the other way.

The veteran will be back in the spring and the Tigers will have the benefit of his experience, his energy and his all-round playing ability from the time the athletes report at Wabashville until the final curtain falls. It ought to make a big difference.

A makeshift team made up of some members of the Nationals played a semi-pro club in Jersey City yesterday. Jamieson pitched the first five innings, during which he held his opponents to two hits and shut them out. But the "Skeeters" hit Maurice Craft hard enough to overcome a three-run lead and were victors by a 4-to-3 score.

Jamieson was a left-handed pitcher before he started to play the outfield, and he looked so good in the game yesterday that Manager Griffith intends to pitch him in one of the games against the Yankees during the three days the Nationals play there.

Bert Gallia is to pitch the opening game of the final series today.

HE PRAISES CARRIGAN.

President Lannin Naturally Pleased  
Over His Club's Triumph.

BOSTON, Mass., October 2.—"I am naturally pleased," declared Joseph J. Lannin, president of the Boston American League base ball club, when informed that his club was definitely assured of retaining the championship through Chicago losing one game to Cleveland yesterday.

"I had no doubt as to our ultimate success. No one can question our right to the championship, because we won eleven out of our last fourteen games, defeating all the pennant contenders on the home grounds. The Red Sox are a game ball club and always come back."

"Much credit is due to the management of Bill Carrigan and the hard, steady work of the individual members of the team, who were without the services of Speaker and Wood, and in the final stages were without Capt. Barry. Barry is still out of the game with a sore hand, but can get into the world series if necessary."

## National League Race Continues Very Close

The National League championship may not be decided until next Thursday, the last day of the season, so close is the race between Brooklyn and Philadelphia. Brooklyn, which today starts a four-game series with New York, has an advantage of only a fraction of a game. Philadelphia has six games to play yet, all with Boston, and they must be played in four days.

Boston has only a slight chance to win, as it must take all six games from Philadelphia and Brooklyn must lose three out of four to New York. All of the western teams have completed their schedule.

The standing of the three leaders today is:

| Team         | Won. | Lost. | Pct. |
|--------------|------|-------|------|
| Brooklyn     | 91   | 58    | .607 |
| Philadelphia | 89   | 58    | .605 |
| Boston       | 85   | 61    | .582 |

Boston was given a negative victory for the American League championship yesterday when Cleveland won the first half of a double-header from Chicago. Boston may now lose all three remaining games with Philadelphia and still hold first place.

## STANDINGS, SCHEDULES AND RESULTS IN BIG BASE BALL LEAGUES

| AMERICAN LEAGUE. |      |      |       |         |
|------------------|------|------|-------|---------|
| W. L.            | Pct. | Win. | Loss. |         |
| Boston           | 91   | 61   | 596   | 599 593 |
| Chicago          | 89   | 65   | 576   | —       |
| Detroit          | 87   | 67   | 566   | —       |
| St. Louis        | 79   | 75   | 513   | —       |
| New York         | 77   | 74   | 510   | 513 507 |
| Washington       | 76   | 74   | 507   | 510 503 |
| Cleveland        | 77   | 77   | 500   | —       |
| Athletics        | 34   | 116  | 227   | 232 226 |

## NATIONAL LEAGUE.

## AMERICAN LEAGUE.

Cleveland, 2; Chicago, 0.

Cleveland, 4; Chicago, 8.

St. Louis, 6; Detroit

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## YESTERDAY'S RESULTS.

| AMERICAN LEAGUE.          |  |
|---------------------------|--|
| Cleveland, 2; Chicago, 0. |  |
| Cleveland, 4; Chicago, 8. |  |
| St. Louis, 6; Detroit, 3. |  |

## NATIONAL LEAGUE.

| Chicago, 6; St. Louis, 3.     |  |
|-------------------------------|--|
| Cincinnati, 4; Pittsburgh, 0. |  |

## SCHEDULES.

| AMERICAN LEAGUE.        |                         |
|-------------------------|-------------------------|
| TODAY.                  | TOMORROW.               |
| Wash'n at New York.     | Wash'n at New York.     |
| Philadelphia at Boston. | Philadelphia at Boston. |

## MINOR LEAGUE RESULTS.

| AMERICAN ASSOCIATION.          |  |
|--------------------------------|--|
| Louisville, 2; Toledo, 1.      |  |
| Toledo, 2; Louisville, 1.      |  |
| Columbus, 11; Indianapolis, 5. |  |
| Columbus, 5; Indianapolis, 1.  |  |
| Kansas City, 6; Milwaukee, 0.  |  |
| Kansas City, 1; Milwaukee, 0.  |  |
| St. Paul, 9; Minneapolis, 1.   |  |

## Accepts Weegman's Def.

CHICAGO, October 2.—Elimination of the Chicago Americans as pennant contenders gave President Weegman a chance last night to challenge them on behalf of the Chicago Nationals for a series for the city championship. The challenge probably will be accepted by President Comiskey and the dates arranged.

## LOCAL FOOT BALL BEGINS THIS WEEK

Georgetown, Catholic U. and  
Maryland State to Play  
Games.

VIRGINIA TEAM BOOKED  
TO MEET YALE'S ELEVEN

Washington and Lee Goes to West  
Point for Combat With  
Army.

BY H. C. BYRD.

The first foot ball games of the year for local teams will be played Saturday. Georgetown goes to Annapolis to meet the Navy, Richmond College comes here to play Catholic University, and Dickinson goes against the Maryland State College at Annapolis. Gallaudet is scheduled to open its season with St. John's College at Kendall Green, but there is possibility that the contest will not be played, and that George Washington will take Gallaudet's place on St. John's schedule, and go to Annapolis to play in the morning.

Georgetown, probably for the first time in its gridiron history, will go into the game with the Navy a favorite. Its offense is developed far beyond that of the Midshipmen, and its defense is stronger. The Navy probably will not score on the Blue and Gray unless it shows a more powerful attack than it produced against Dickinson. Whether the defense of the Midshipmen will be able to withstand the hammering of such brilliant backs as those back of the Blue and Gray line and stop Gilroy from running around the ends is a matter of conjecture, but it is extremely doubtful. Georgetown has a set of forwards that matches the Navy's in weight, and as a whole right now is more aggressive. On the form shown by Navy last Saturday, Georgetown could have won without much trouble.

The Navy's chance of victory over Georgetown lies in whether it will be able to improve sufficiently this week to overcome the comparative margin held by Georgetown last week. Richmond College has been developing better gridiron teams in the last two or three years than usual, but it is doubtful if it will bring to Washington an eleven capable of defeating Catholic University. The Brooklanders are to be represented by a powerful team, one much better than early reports as to the probable worth of the material seemed to indicate.

That the Maryland State eleven will be in for plenty of trouble against Dickinson is certain. The play of the Pennsylvanians against Navy Saturday was of such a character as to make that certain. Dickinson has a big, powerful line and a fast set of backs. Something of the caliber of Dickinson's backfield may be estimated when it is said that Gus Welch, former Carlisle Indian star, did not show up to any better advantage than the others, except, of course, in punting.

Gallaudet has been scheduled for a game at St. John's at Gallaudet, but does not want to play because its team is not in good condition. It was said this morning, though, that the team will go through with the contest. If Gallaudet cancels, Georgetown will attempt to effect an arrangement with the Annapolis eleven for a game at Annapolis. Something definite will be decided in regard to this today or tomorrow.

The Army will be against a strong schedule of well as the Navy. Washington and Lee goes to West Point to meet the Soldiers, and the reports are that the Army will be represented by the best eleven in their history. Judging by the fact that the Army did not make any too brilliant showing against Lehigh Valley, it is not going to have an easy time of it against the Lexingtonians. A defeat for the Army would not be a great surprise. The Army, though, has a veteran backfield, and it should improve wonderfully within the next five days.

Another inter-sectional contest of real interest will be that between Virginia and Yale at New Haven. The contest last year resulted in a victory for Virginia, but it is very likely that the tables will be turned Saturday. Every follower of the Charlottesville institution is hoping against hope for a fine showing against the Dark Blue, and Virginia's players will strive desperately for another splendid reputation on a northern gridiron. However, if stories from New Haven are to be believed, things are different at Yale this year. The game, though, will give followers of institutions in the south and Virginia's adherents something of an idea as to what may be expected from the Orange and Blue in its contests with Vanderbilt, Georgia and North Carolina.

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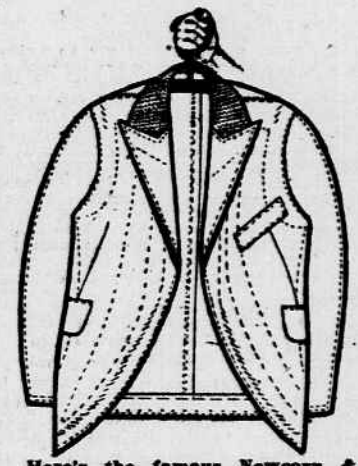
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## BANCROFT NOT TO PLAY.

Injured Philly Shortstop Will Not  
Face Braves Today.

PHILADELPHIA, October 2.—The Philadelphia National League team will open its six-game series with Boston today minus the services of David Bancroft, star shortstop, who was injured in Saturday's game with Brooklyn. The specialist who examined him injured leg said he would be able to play tomorrow or Wednesday. An examination revealed that Bancroft's hip had been dislocated, but it was quickly snapped back in place.

Stock, the regular third baseman, will take Bancroft's place at short, and Byrne, a substitute infielder, will play third in the double header today. Two games are also scheduled for tomorrow.

Although Brooklyn and Boston have announced their arrangements for the sale of seats should they have the honor of staging the world series, no announcement will be made here until the title is clinched.

"Rucker Day" at Brooklyn.

NEW YORK, October 2.—The Brooklyn club today started the home stretch of the National League pennant race in the final series of four games with New York. They entertained no hopes that the New Yorks would slow down after the break in their winning streak last week.

Selection of the batteries on both sides was reserved until the last moment.

At the Brooklyn field, where the series is to be played, the day was designated as "Rucker day," in honor of G. N. Rucker, the Brooklyn left-handed pitcher, who has completed today ten years as a member of that club.



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## San Johnson Starts East.

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which Tener and Johnson also are members, in making arrangements for the world series. It is the plan of the national commission to start the series Saturday. Mr. Johnson said, but until the National League race is decided the place for playing the first game cannot be selected.

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